

SENATOR VEST ON

DEMOCRATIC AFFAIRS.

Believes Silver Should Not Be Pressed—Would Make Bryan a Senator—Not a Candidate.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Liberty, Mo., Aug. 31.—The Advance here publishes an interesting letter from Senator George G. Vest to Judge William E. Fowler, who recently wrote an article on "Democratic Missouri," in which he complimented Vest and expressed the wish that he would be returned to the Senate.

The letter is as follows:
"Sweet Springs, Mo., Aug. 21, 1901.—Hon-

orable William E. Fowler, Liberty, Mo.:
My Dear Judge—Yours received inclosing
alluding to the same.

am more than grateful for the kind words you have written regarding my efforts. I am also glad that you have not lost your enthusiasm for Democratic principles nor your faith in their success.

Missouri is Democratic.

"As you truthfully state in the article enclosed to me, Missouri is essentially a Democratic State and can only be lost by wicked and senseless dissensions in our own ranks. When united the Democrats of Missouri are invincible, but when divided they are lost. Lettles, as have the best soldiers in the world, are the direct causes. That the Republicans will make a desperate

effort to carry the General Assembly of Missouri in 1902 in order to elect R. C. Kerens to the Senate. I have no doubt, but that

"I may be mistaken, as I frequently am, but it seems to me that the silver question ought not to be pressed in the next campaign. The abnormal production of gold and the recent legislation by Congress are sufficient to maintain, together with the enormous balance of trade in our favor, the given us the largest per capita circulation of money in the world, except that of France, and while I have not surrendered one particle of my opposition to free coinage, I think changed conditions have fastened upon us."

It unnecessary to divide the Democratic party on the question of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

to 1, without the consent of other nations. A good general does not surrender when he has his line of battle to meet a new alignment of the enemy, and the same when causes beyond his control have altered the plans he has made for the campaign.

Who adheres stubbornly to an issue which has ceased really to be one for the time, is at least, he simply idiotic. Some well-meaning persons seem to think that any change in the Chicago platforms or any criticism of the party is tantamount to an assault upon the Democratic party. This is a strange mistake, and, in my judgment, utterly indefensible.

"I am a Democrat."
"I am a Socialist."
"I am myself, and I will be called as I see fit."

will always remain one, but I do not think that this is the time to make that issue the test of loyalty to the Democratic party.

"If I could do so, I would put Colone Bryan in the United States Senate, where he would take high rank and be invaluable to his country and party; his ability, courage and honor are irrefragable, but I cannot think him a great leader."

"Leadership is a peculiar and rare talent. A man may be an orator, lawyer and statesman, yet not necessarily a great leader," Mr. Webster said.

Of this truth, and many others could be named, in the political history of the United States who have been great debaters.

"Jefferson, Van Buren, Lincoln and McKinley have been the greatest politicians

leaders and managers in this country, and Mr. McKinley has never had a superior in that regard.

Kindly Toward Bryan.

"I have the kindest feeling for Colonel Bryan and regard him as one of the best campaigners this country has produced. Like all of us, he has made mistakes, and I think he has been mistaken in advising the Democrats of the United States to elect no one to go as a delegate to the next National Democratic Convention who is not in favor of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms. I have never seen a man so sincere as that the free coinage of silver will be made a leading issue, and it will drive away from us thousands of good Democrats who

"As to what you have kindly said in regard to my going back to the Senate, I have only to state what I have said publicly."

re-elected to the Oklahoma State Senate. I was a candidate for re-election and do not want my name mentioned in that connection. I am deeply grateful to the Democrats of Missouri for their confidence and kindness in the past, but I am not vain enough to think that my re-election is necessary to evince that gratitude. My health is improved, but is not entirely restored, and I have come to feel that I need rest and relief from the excitement and cares of public life. Your friend, G. G. VEST."

tions Are Promising.
Charles T. Noland returned Friday from

Lawton, Ok., where he has been for the last six weeks. He speaks enthusiastically of the mineral wealth of the country, and especially of the coal and copper resources of the Creek. He says besides there is a possibility of production that will equal that of the Beaumont district.

There are many prospectors in the Wichita Mountains, he says, and a number of promising mines have already been located. Surface indications of oil only a short distance from Lawton have been discovered and any claims have been made for them. He says that the coal and great abundance of iron will require several years for farmers to put the land into productive shape.

The citizens of Lawton, Mr. Noland says

pointed a committee to urge Secretary Hitchcock to expend at least half of the

money derived from the auction sale of city lots in grading and improving streets and in the erection of a waterworks and sewerage system. The town has a Democratic Club on the lines of the Jefferson Club, but the citizens are so fired with civic pride and the desire to secure the incorporation of their city that politics is not much discussed.

Shaw of Iowa passed through Omaha this morning, arriving at 6:45 o'clock on the Burlington and departing at 7:25 o'clock over the Rock Island for Des Moines.

When asked regarding Senator Dolliver's announcement at Chicago last night as to his candidacy for the presidency, Governor Shaw made the following statement, declaring he would say nothing further:

"I have neither inspired nor encouraged any mention of my name in connection with 1904. Senator Dolliver is correct in the statement that it is too early to decide. The first thing for Iowa to do is to roll up for our ticket the biggest majority ever polled in the State, and this we will not do."

FINE OLD PAINTINGS FOUND.

Were Probably Concealed at Times

of the Revolution.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.—Paris, Aug. 31.—While a number of workmen were executing repairs at the Palace of Luxembourg they discovered a number of valuable paintings concealed behind the tapestry. The qualitor of the Senate had them examined, and it was found that they are portraits of the three first Presidents of the old Parliament of Paris and of d'Arbou, the famous Judge who lived a century and a half ago.

It is thought that these portraits were placed behind the tapestry during the Revolution in order to preserve them, and that they have remained there ever since.

BOYCOTT ON HAIRDRESSERS.

ing Grows Interesting.
SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, Aug. 31.—Hairdressers in the city have long been at war with their assistant over the question of early closing on Sundays. Employers who refuse to close a terrorized. Hills are posted in the streets on walls, warning the public not to patronize the recalcitrant employers, and the premises are sprinkled with corrosive liquid. They have now appealed to the Prime Minister for protection.